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Upcoming Events at the Nabb Research Center

Saturday, April 5, 1 p.m.
"The Archaeology of Old Somerset: Life on the Manokin in the 17th Century"
In celebration of Maryland Archaeology Month, SU anthropology professor Dr. Elizabeth Ragan will discuss the findings from the archaeological dig conducted by SU students this summer in Somerset County. The lecture will take place at the Nabb Research Center and is free and open to the public.

Monday, April 14, 1-3 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.
Native American Medicine Practices
(Postponed from February 17, 2003)
Learn how Native Americans use plants and herbs in healing. Dawn Manyfeathers will discuss traditional cleansing ceremonies such as, "smudging" and "sweeping," Native American beliefs in the four sacred herbs and plant "signatures." Attendees will receive a class workbook. The cost of the workshop is $20 per person ($5 discount for SU students and Nabb Research Center members).

Monday, April 28, 1-3 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.
Native American Gourdmaking
Throughout the centuries, Native Americans prized durable, functional gourds as bowls and storage vessels. Learn how to cure, dress and decorate gourds in the Native American tradition. The cost of the workshop is $25.00 per person ($5.00 discount for SU students and Nabb Research Center members).

Saturday, May 3, 1 p.m.
"The Teackles in Flesh and Bone"
In celebration of Preservation Month, local decorative arts dealer William Germain will discuss his recent work to document and understand the life of Littleton Dennis Teackle. A prominent 19th century Somerset County resident, Teackle led a fascinating life establishing connections with many important figures of his day including President James Madison. The lecture will take place at the Nabb Research Center and is free and open to the public.

April Is National Volunteer Month

Marion Dawson Phillips

Polly Batchelder

Fay Brooks

Pat Taylor

Jane West

Joan Barnhart

Carolyn Ballou

Barbara Trader

Across the United States, volunteers share their time and talent to help build stronger communities. The Nabb Research Center is very fortunate to have a team of dedicated volunteers who have helped to build the Center into the wonderful resource that it has become for the preservation of Delmarva's culture and history. We want to recognize the valuable contribution that our volunteers make to the Nabb Research Center each and every day. The Nabb Research Center is currently recruiting new volunteers for several interesting projects. If you are interested in history or genealogy or if you just want to share your talents with others, please contact Jill Jeffery at 410-677-5402 for more information.

Not pictured:
Mike Hitch
Lucy & Lloyd Whitehead
Jean Woolston

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Spotlight on Collections

Last fall, the Nabb Center received a fantastic addition to our resources–the Willis Tull Collection. Containing over 22 linear feet of binders with genealogical research materials and 6 linear feet of boxes with family group sheets and a few small artifacts, this collection enhances our family history research capabilities. In addition to the archival materials that Tull donated, we received a wonderful filing cabinet, which is being utilized in the archival wing by our folklore interns.

A native of Crisfield, Tull's research focuses primarily on his Delmarva roots, most notably the Tull and Milbourne families. A longtime librarian, Tull once worked in Salisbury at the Eastern Shore Regional Library, but has since retired and is living in Towson. An avid researcher, Tull plans to continue his investigations and has promised to keep the Nabb Research Center current with his findings. Look for an expanded article in an upcoming newsletter regarding Tull and his genealogical research.

New Shelving Installed

The Nabb Research Center was closed over Spring Break to accommodate the installation of new shelving in the Reading Room. Not only will this shelving allow the Center much needed room to grow, but also the shelves have been positioned to allow access from both the front and back ends of the bookcases. No more bottlenecks in the Maryland section! This project was made possible from funds provided by the IMLS grant that the Nabb Research Center received in 2001.